

I have been a satellite radio listener for only a few months now, but quite frankly, I would not be without it. I was thrilled to be able to find stations that play an astonishing variety of music and entertainment (ie comedy & news) that I just can't find on the standard array of local channels. Best of all, I can get this without all that continuous mind-numbing chatter and screaming auto dealer advertising! As for local weather and traffic, I must be brutally honest and tell you that my local stations rarely get the traffic right (it's usually 30-60 minutes late) and the weather is canned, not live, so it's pretty useless. It is very amusing to hear the "local" radio station announce that "this morning is going to be cool and clear" at 5pm. Since I am paying for satellite services, it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to reaffirm XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I want.